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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

CREIGHTON TAKATA, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. F/K/A,
BIOPTIX, INC., JOHN O'ROURKE,
JEFFREY G. MCGONEGAL, BARRY
HONIG, CATHERINE DEFRANCESCO,
MICHAEL BEEGHLEY, JOHN STETSON,
MARK GROUSSMAN, ANDREW
KAPLAN, MIKE DAI, JASON LES and
ERIC SO,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 18-cv-2293 (FLW) (ZNQ)

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**DECLARATION OF
EDWARD D. TOTINO, ESQ. IN
SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR
ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

I, **EDWARD D. TOTINO**, of full age, make this application to appear as counsel *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned action, and declare as follows:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Baker & McKenzie, LLP, 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 950, Los Angeles, California, 90067. I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding this litigation, and I submit this Declaration in support of the application for my admission *pro hac vice* pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1(c)(3).

2. My law firm has been retained as counsel for Defendant Mark Groussman in this litigation. The issues raised in this litigation involve areas with which I have experience in the law.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct table that identifies, to the best of my knowledge, my bar admissions, the date I was admitted to each bar, and, where applicable, my bar identification number.

4. I am not under suspension or disbarment by any court and have never been subjected to any disciplinary action by any court or governing body.

5. I am ineligible for plenary admission to the bar of this Court pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1(b).

6. I am willing to submit to the jurisdiction of this Court and to comply with all of its rules and procedures. To ensure my familiarity with these regulations I have reviewed the local rules of this Court.

7. I have never been convicted of a felony crime, censured, suspended, disciplined, or disbarred by any court, nor are there any disciplinary or contempt proceedings involving me pending before any court, nor have I been denied admission to any court during the last five years.

8. I agree to abide by the ethical standards governing the practice of law in this Court pursuant to the New Jersey State Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility.

9. I agree to abide by Local Civil Rule 101.1(c).

10. Pursuant to the rules of this Court, Kevin G. Walsh, Esq., or another member of the law firm Gibbons P.C., who is a member in good standing of the bars for the State of New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, will review and sign

all pleadings, briefs, and other papers filed with the Court on behalf of Defendant Mark Groussman and will be present for all appearances before the Court unless previously excused from appearing by the Court.

11. I agree to strictly observe the dates fixed for scheduling conferences, motions, briefs, pre-trial conferences, trial or other proceedings, to submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of sanctions, discipline, or other such action as the Court may deem proper, and to otherwise abide by all the terms and conditions of Local Civil Rule 101.1(c). I agree to be bound by the rules governing practice in the New Jersey Courts, including the disciplinary rules.

12. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1(c)(2), I agree to pay, or cause to be paid, the annual fee required by the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection as provided by New Jersey Court Rule 1:28-2(a) and as directed by the Trustees of the Fund. I further agree that, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 101.1(c)(3), I shall pay, or cause to be paid, \$150.00 to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

13. In light of the foregoing, I respectfully request on behalf of Defendant Mark Groussman that I be admitted *pro hac vice* for the purpose of representing them in this matter in association with Gibbons P.C.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



Dated: October 9, 2019

Edward D. Totino, Esq.